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I am writing to protest the blank check being given to Microsoft to continue to dominate the software industry. Legal gimmickry has been the main source of Microsoft's wealth, not the production of excellent software. Open sourcing should be the ultimate goal, not the continued and ever expanding restrictiveness forced by Microsoft. Microsoft's "licenses" should be illegal. On what basis does Microsoft demand that once one buys a copy of Windows 2000 or XP, one must not install it on any more than one machine. This kind of tyranny is similar to that of the Taliban.

Once one pays one exorbitant price to Microsoft to buy an operating system disc, one should have the right to install it on as many machines as one wishes. That is the case with Linux. Intellectual property should not extend to the relationship between a software disc and a given machine, as there is no basis for this connection.

Concernedly,

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